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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 24, 2003 (Paper No. 19), Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.